

Infrastructure Fund

449. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has asked the Union Government to contribute in the State's infrastructure initiation fund with the corpus of Rs. 25 crores;

(b) If so, whether the Union Government have agreed to encourage such type of creation of funds for giving better results in respect of expansion of industrial bases; and

(c) If so, whether other States have also been asked to formulate such fund?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No such request has been received in the Ministry of Industry so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Instrumentation Ltd., Palakkad

450. SHRI A. SAMPATH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Palakkad Unit of Instrumentation Limited is a profit making unit unlike the mother unit in Rajasthan;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Workers Union of Palakkad Unit have been demanding bifurcation of the company from the loss making mother unit and to release withheld benefit to the employees of Palakkad Unit from 1982 onwards;

(d) If so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government are considering to concede the demand made by the employees of Palakkad Unit of Instrumentation Limited; and

(f) If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Instrumentation Ltd. (IL) is a single company consisting of four manufacturing units of which Palghat is one. IL has been incurring losses. The Palghat Unit of IL as a profit centres has been making profits and its performance in the last few years has been as follows:-

Years	Profit (Rs. Cr.)
1994-95	3.79
1995-96	0.28
1996-97	2.50

(c) and (d) Palakkad Workers Union has been representing for separation of Palakkad Unit from IL and demanding from wage revision.

(e) and (f) As IL has been declared sick and the revival of IL as a whole is before BIFR, decisions regarding Palghat Unit can not be taken in isolation.

[Translation]

Export of Animals

451. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that animals are exported from the country;

(b) if so, the names of the animals exported alongwith the countries to which such export has been made;

(c) the total foreign exchange earned therefrom; and

(d) the purpose for which these animals are used in these foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Buffaloes, goats, sheep, lambs and specified breeds of horses have been exported to Baharain, Bangladesh, France, Nepal, Sri Lanka and United Arab Emirates.

(c) the value of live animals exported during the last three years has been as under:-

Value: Rs. lakhs	
Year	Exports
1994-95	22.4
1995-96	49.6
1996-97	4.1
(April-October)	

(d) Under Export-Import Policy, the export of cattle, camel and horses of Kathiawari, Marwari and Manipuri breeds is allowed subject to export licences issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade in this behalf. The export of specified breeds of horses has been permitted for breeding purposes/for participation in racing events abroad. Export of buffaloes has been permitted for both breeding and milching purposes. As regards exports of goats and sheep, these are allowed freely to all permissible destinations subject to any other law for the time being in force.